DEC 1 3 2004 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PRADEMA In Re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1643 ROSE et al. Examiner: Serial No.: 10/775,575 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Filed: February 9, 2004 "EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NUMBER: EV539128562US DATE OF DEPOSIT: 12/13/04 Atty. File No.: 4018-1-CON-2 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS For: "PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, YA 22313-1450. TREATING JOINT DISORDERS IN **VERTEBRATES**" TYPED OR PRINTED NAME:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from November 12, 2004, to December 12, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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